The Bobcat

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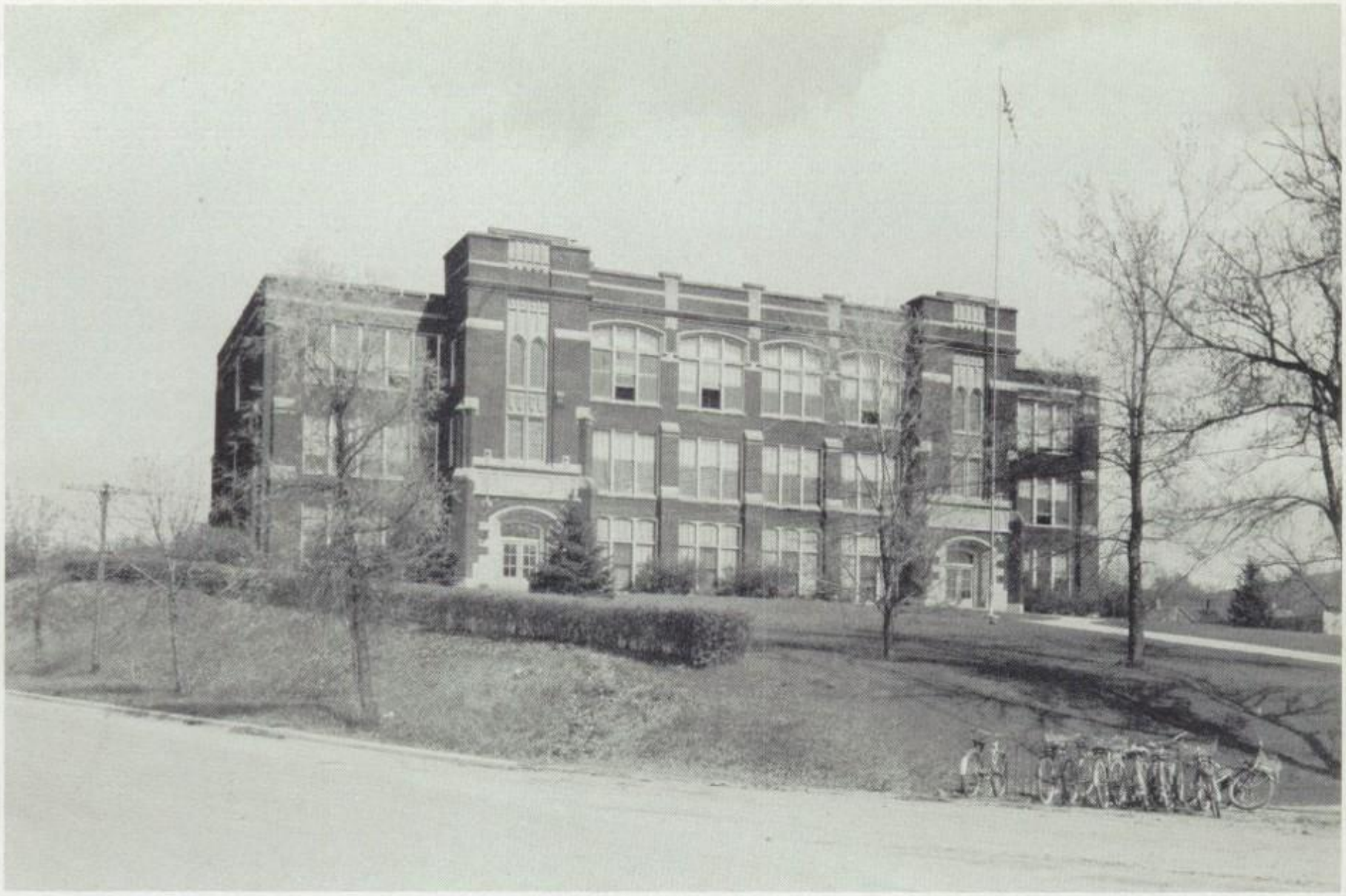

School

This is the present home of the Bobcat; and, from this school, the class of 1953 will receive their diplomas. This commencement will mark the fiftieth year in which students will graduate from a four-year high school in Lake Benton.

T H E B O B C A T

Lake Benton Public Schools

1952 - 1953

Staff Officers

A. Everett Nielsen - - - - - - - - Editor
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Verna Koster - - - - - - - Bus. Manager
Kennith Herrmann - - - - -Prod. Manager

Dedication

Mr. H. G. EDWALL

Principal

"A good education is almost a necessity if one is to be successful in this scientific age. A student that possesses a determined will to succeed and makes an honest, sincere, effort will achieve this goal."

The Senior Class of 1953 respectfully dedicates this annual to Mr. Edwall, our principal four years, and who has given unselfishly his time and skill to make our school a better educational institution. The many new and well-functioning organizations which he has established, are noted examples of his fine leadership and unparalleled ability as a principal.

Disraeli said: "The great secret of success in life is to be ready when your day of opportunity comes."

This statement should give our young people much food for thought today. In almost everyone's lifetime, there have been several opportunities that have presented themselves. Some have taken advantage of them, others have failed to take heed. Failure to take advantage of those opportunities that present themselves can be laid to several reasons--among them the lack of being prepared.

A school should be concerned with establishing those things that help to prepare one for that opportunity--to mention a few: (1) Character, (2) Courtesy, (3) Co-operation,(4) Education.

The world of today requires character and confidence. We need to instill these attributes in our young people. The community and the world in general requires service and a large part of service is courtesty. Like any successful team on the field, co-operation is one of the most important requisites of today's world. Many of its problems today are based upon the lack of understanding which leads to non-co-operation. The success of every business, every enterprise, every institution, every church, and every home, is dependent largely upon the harmony or team work of all the individuals concerned. Lastly, education is our business and the more information boys and girls have in regard to today's problems, in regard to industry, business and profession, the greater will be their opportunities for advancement and success.

Mr. L. E. THORSON

Superintendent

Ernest Gieneart
Treasurer
Fred Nieforth
Clerk
Archie Millard
Director
Thomas Kelly
Director
Floyd Peterson
Director
Floyd Monihan
Chairman

School Board

Faculty

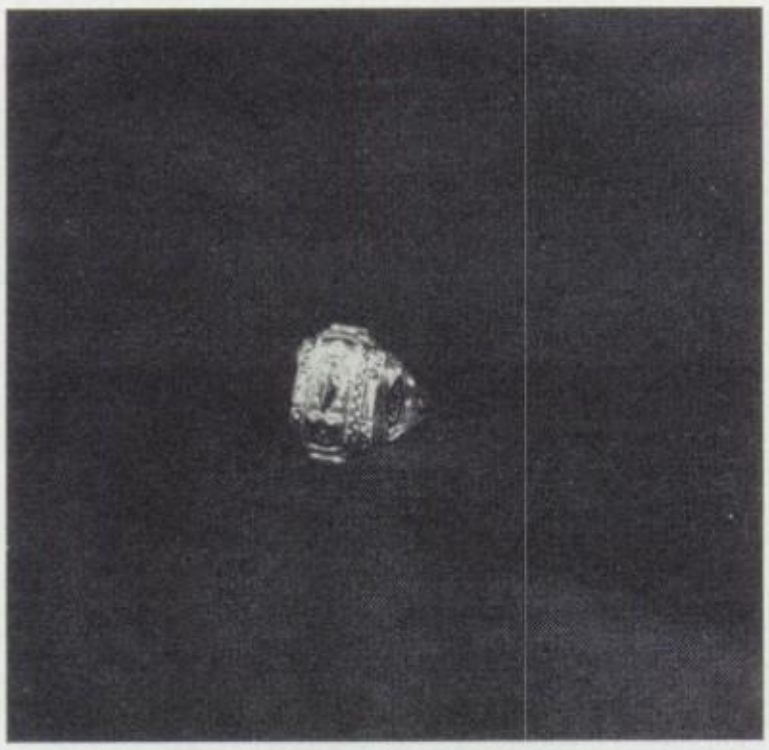
SEATED: Mr. Trembley, Science, Instrumental Music; Mrs. Mathews, Grades 2 - 3; Mrs. Marti, Grades 1 - 2; Miss Engebretson, Grades 4 - 5; Mrs. Weber, Grade 6; Miss Koopman, Grade 7.

STANDING: Miss Umland, Home Economics, Vocal Music; Mr. Swanson, Agriculture; Mr. Rossiaky, History, Coach; Mr. Schmidtke, Industrial Arts, Ass't. Coach; Mr. Collison, Commercial, Publications; Miss Garre, English, Dramatics.

Secretary

Our school is very happy to have its most efficient secretary, Miss Theresa Erschens. In addition to keeping many little but important things in mind, she is responsible for the systematic organization of records which enables our school to better function as an educational unit.

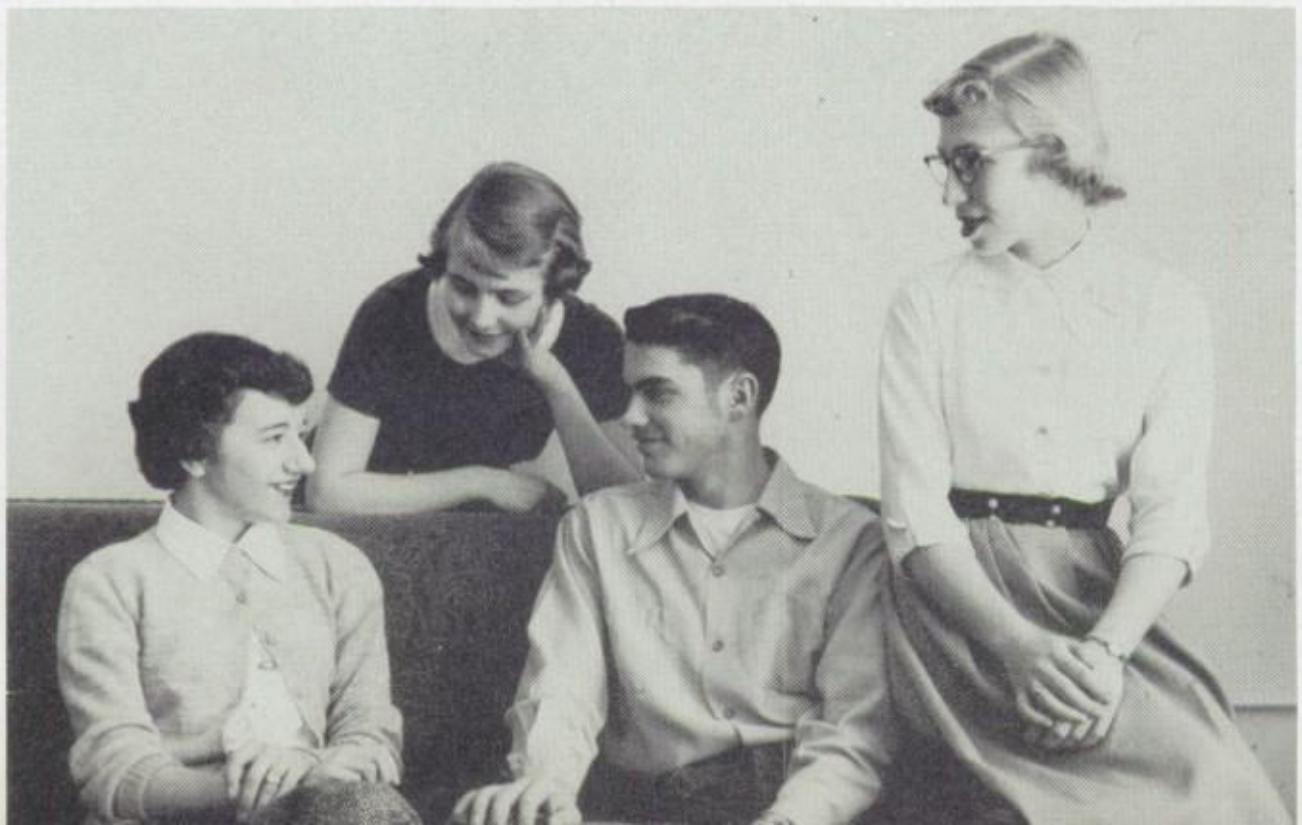
Thirty-one young ladies and gentlemen will be graduating from L.B.H.S. this year. Their school days are over, but the Bobcat knows these days will be long remembered. After four long gruelling years of work, merriment, and sometimes sadness, these people will take their place in our great America. The Bobcat wishes each one of his graduates a most successful future.



Seniors

Barbara Schmitt, Vice-President --- Kennith Herrmann, President
Yvonne Kopitzke, Secretary --- Marelynn Wodtke, Treasurer

Class Officers



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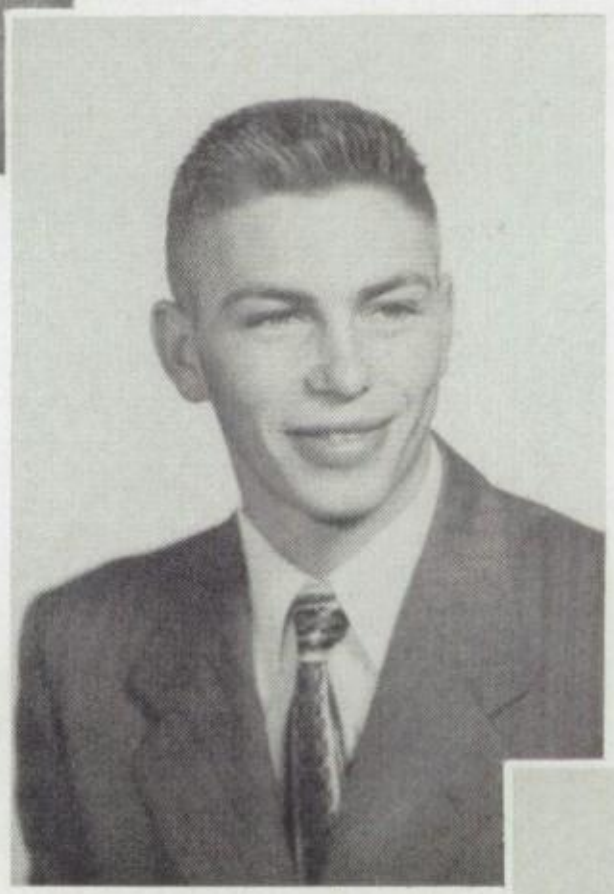

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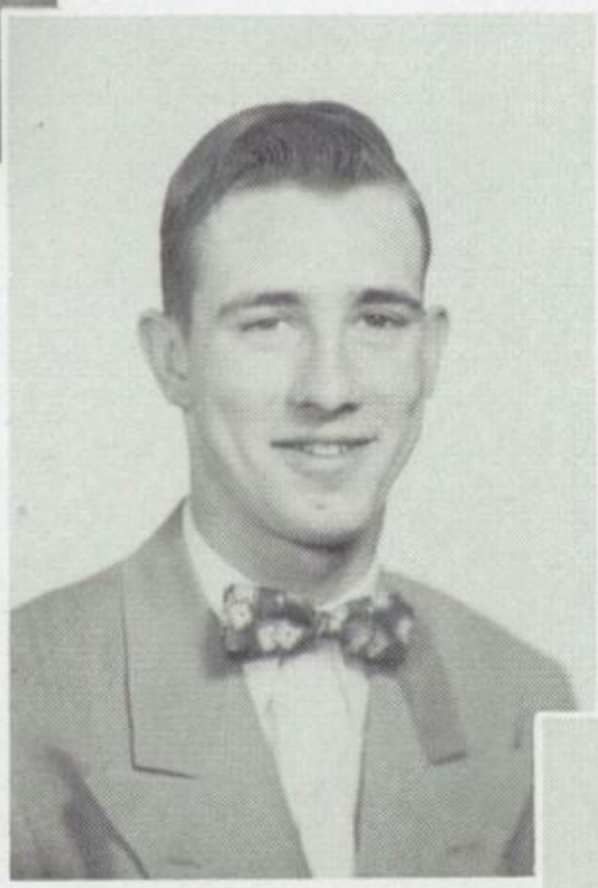
KENNETH HERRMANN

LILA HURD



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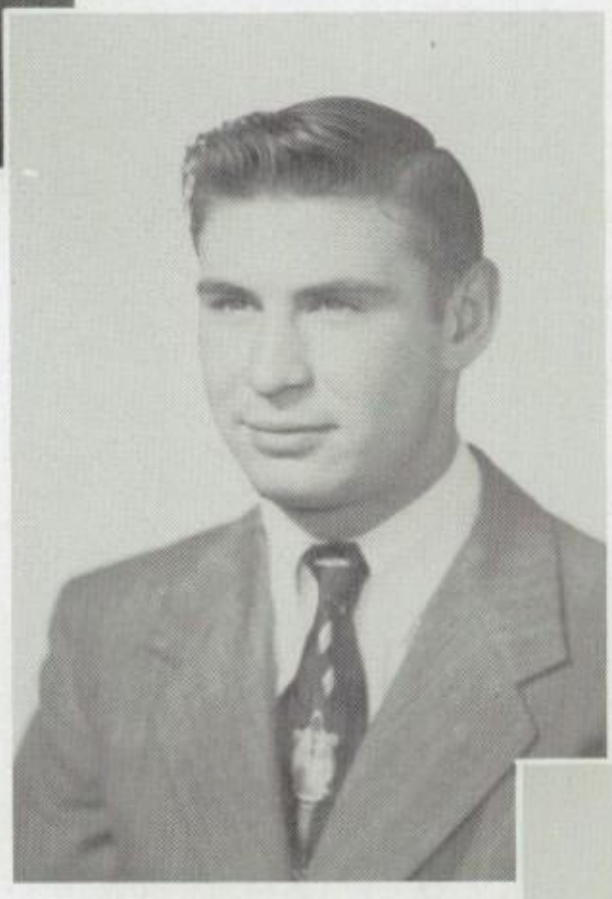


ELDRIDGE STUEFEN

DANIEL ZIMMER

NEIL THOMSEN

ROW ONE: Arnold Haack, Bernice Kock, William Klitzke, Leonora Bruhn, Wanda Nielsen, Lyle Mosier, Virginia Mortland, Arland Bebensee.
ROW TWO: Advisor Mr. Edwall, Peggy Kelly, Shirley Rydell, LeRoy Herschberger, Janis Kock, Florence Giese, Milan Wisniewski, Hope Jorgensen, Orinne Kopitzke, Dale Determan, Shirley Meyer, Ila Knutson, Advisor Miss Umland.
ROW THREE: Claudia Zimmer, Janice Johnson, Ewald Evers, Gladys Prosch, Gail Kerr, Dennis Tellinghusen, Marian Lang, LaDonna Hoberg, James Weber, Beverly Smith, Mavis Johnsen.

Juniors

CLASS OFFICERS: President, Shirley Meyer; Vice-President, James Weber; Secretary, LeRoy Herschberger; Treasurer, Marian Lang.

ROW ONE: Mavis Hanson, Jan Pries, Eunice Hansen, Donald Nordmeyer, Mary Jane Anderson, Raymond Haack, Carol Truckenmiller, Bruce Determan, Darlene Hurd.
ROW TWO: Donna Bushman, Patricia Sorensen, Norma Nelsen, Myrna Johnson, Donna Jean Anderson, Marlene Tellinghuisen, Janice Petersen, Barbara Lund, Erna Garbers, Advisor Miss Gaare.
ROW THREE: Wesley Nielsen, David Koster, Douglas Edwards, Robert McCaffrey, Ralph Gacke, Jerry Kuhn, Norman Evers, David Evans, Burdette Wodtke. Absent: Sophia Junge, Raymond Hinz.

Sophomores

CLASS OFFICERS: President, David Koster; Vice-President, Ralph Gacke; Secretary, Donna Bushman; Treasurer, Sophia Junge.

ROW ONE: Keith Lambert, Marion Galbraith, Robert Hinz, Marian Korpal, Larry Nordmeyer, Helen Gehrts, Leroy Christensen, Marlys Rochel, Leon Knutson.
ROW TWO: Dennis Pittenger, Beverly Giesel, Curtis Meyer, Dayle Johnson, Joyce Determan, Ronald Kwilinski, Kenneth Kopitzke, Arnold Berthelsen, Bernadine Moat, LLoyd Thorson, Walter Soderlind, Helen Edwards, Advisor Mr. Schmidtke.
ROW THREE: Stanley Anderson, Miriam Luschen, Norman Sears, Betty Jaques, Byrl Koster, Jeannette McQuoid, Donald Wartner, Janice Mitchell, Donald Jackson, Constance Petersen, Andrew Steinberg, Phyllis Hanson, Richard Hurd. Absent: James Lage, Richard Quarton.

Freshmen

REMEMBER THIS? Freshmen initiation day brought a new group into the upper classes. "Comic Strip Characters" was the theme of the day.

ROW ONE: Robert Matthews, Liesbeth Fink, Leo Alexander, Joan Wodtke, Sharon Salzman, Karen Petersen, Mildred Giese, Donald Evers.
ROW TWO: Donna Petersen, Beverly Blegen, Darwin Nelsen, Eyvonne Johannsen, Susan Meyer, Del Erickson, Judy Huebner, Janice Bebensee, advisor Mr. Trembley.
ROW THREE: Richard Haynes, Troy Fix, Donald Sik, Roland Evans, Marilyn Hollander, Eunice Johnson, Joan Mathison, Richard Meggison.

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

ROW ONE: Roy Hinz, Lilas Huebner, Sonya Porter, Colleen Evans, Joyce Giesel, Dennis Herrmann, Sharon Kelly, Richard Nielsen, Ronald Gieneart.
ROW TWO: Romelle Trade, Eugene Stuefen, Lyle Rochel, Sylvia Jerzak, Betty Rust, Roger Nielsen, James Koster, Rodney Broding, Faye Tellinghuisen.
ROW THREE: Gayle Trautman, Janice Krause, Faye Sears, Gunther Fink, William Hay, Janice Zimmer, Kay Steinberg, Dale Koster, Lloyd Brune.
Miss. Koopman, Instructor.

ROW ONE: Audrey Miller, Judy Weber, Lucille Klitzke, Beverly Barnes, Stanley Hohn, Hazel Prinsen, Dale Hurd, Gerald Rochel.
ROW TWO: Jane Heubner, Sharon Determan, Joyce Evans, Ronald Miller, James Christensen, Gary Thorson, Carl Burk, Marlys Monahan.
ROW THREE: Duane Fernholz, Elizabeth Schardin, Ronald Nieman, John Meyer, Susan Petersen, Joe Thomsen, David Blegen, Carole Nelson.
Mrs. Weber, Miss. Engebretson, Instructors.

Fifth Grade

Sixth Grade

ROW ONE: Ione Grubich, Billy Mathews, Julian Gudmundson, Barry Wodtke, Dean Koster, Larry Johnson, Dennis Rochel, Loralee Mathison.
ROW TWO: Mrs. Weber, Instructor, Betty Krueger, Tommy Kelly, Marcia Engelbritson, Uda Fink, Sharon Alexander, Bobby Miller, Delores Nelsen.
Absent: Dolly Scheleck.

ROW ONE: Jerry Bushman, Le Ann Nelson, Mary Alexander, George Peters, Dennis Porter.
ROW TWO: Charlotte Meyer, Madelyne Benson, Gayle Kock, Steve Fix, Beverly Krause, Sheryl Jordahl.
ROW THREE: Alice Evers, Mary Giesel, Renee Casidy, Raymond Sears, Carol Nelsen, James Meyer, Carrel Steinberg, Miss. Engelbretson, Instructor.

Fourth Grade

Third Grade

ROW ONE: Dennis Berthelson, Irene Johnson, Larry Mathison, Richard Blegen, Janis Kuhn, James Thorson, Ann Kelly, Sylvia Nielsen.
ROW TWO: Marlys Petersen, Connie Schmidtke, Donald Barnes, Darrel Steinberg, Mrs. Mathews, Instructor, James Krause, Warren Meyer, Faye Prinsen, Michael Schardin. Absent: John Benson, Carol Kopitzke.

ROW ONE: Karen Petersen, Ruth Huebner, Gerald Willert, Curtis Moon, David Rochel, Thomas Williams.
ROW TWO: Rosemary Meyer, Janie Schardin, Robert Schardin, Linda Gehrts, Judith Klitzke, Sharon Notermann.
ROW THREE: Mrs. Mathews, Instructor, Sharron Koster, Richard Niemann, Bonnie Rust, Sheila Schardin, Joel Koster, Karen Lorenzen, Sharon Gelbert, Mrs. Marti, Instructor. Absent: Sharron Knudsen, Earl Schulz.

Second Grade

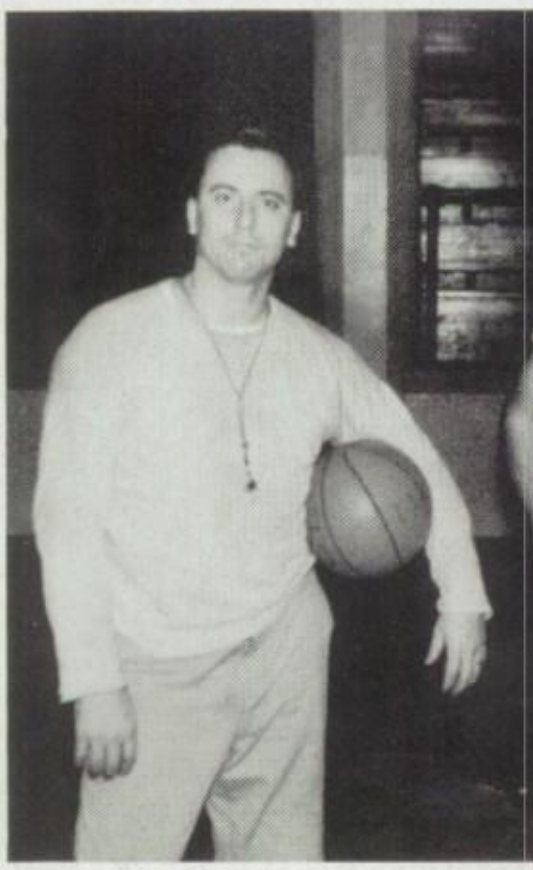
ROW ONE: Sandra Rochel, Kathryn Schmidtke, Wesley Hohn, Marilyn Evans, Diana Miller, Gary Hurd, James Alexander.
ROW TWO: Richard Johnson, Leonard Kwilinski, Larry Thomsen, Noel Trautman, David Schardin, William Prinsen, Steven Krause.
ROW THREE: Diane Keech, Gregory Jordahl, Roger Meyer, Patricia Barnes, Gale Iverson, Kent Atzen, Mary Broding. Absent: Craig Brooks, Linda Kopitzke. Mrs. Marti, Instructor.

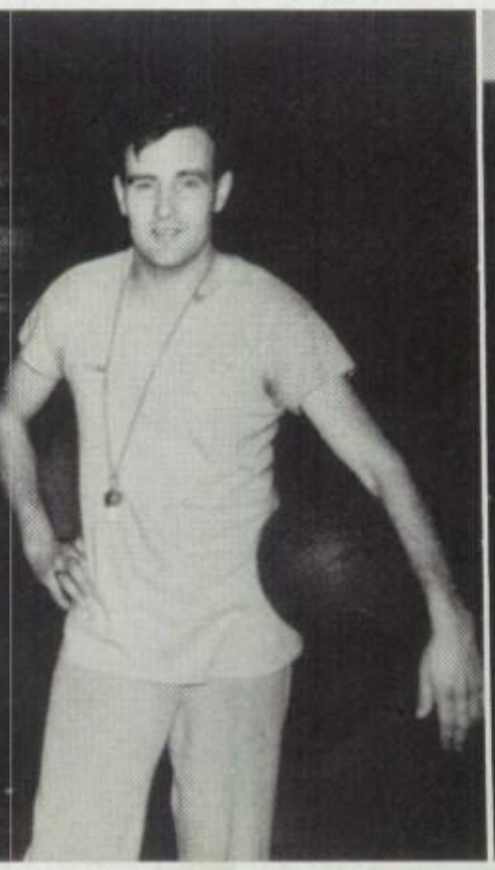
First Grade

The Bobcat is extremely proud of this year's football team for bringing home the District 9 memorial. The championship game was played at Milroy on October 30, with the boys from Lake Benton emerging victorious. Score 44-30

Athletics

Now these two gentlemen are the "Eagle Eyes" who saw the athletic teams through their aches, pains and bruises. Their most important goal was to promote clean and honest sports competition. You will recognize them immediately as Head Coach "Tom" Rossiaky, and Ass't. Coach "Howie" Schmidtke.





"Here it is, Mr. Thorson."

Meet the District Nine Champions. This year's football team is proud of its past season having been undefeated. Through the will of each individual player and under the masterful tutorship of Coach Rossiaky, they formed a team that the school and entire community solidly supported. Two members, Bill Klitzke and Eldridge Stuefen, were elected to the District 9 All District team. Congratulations! fellows.

Football

Cheerleaders

Here are the four girls who led the cheering section from Lake Benton. Though at times they suffered from turned ankles, skinned knees, and sometimes hoarse throats, they always stirred up a cheer at the right time.

Basketball

Everybody knows the record of this fine basketball team. It was not difficult to see, though at all times trying to win, that winning alone was not always the essence of its activity. Co-operation, clean sportsmanship, being good winners which is sometimes more trying than being good losers, are just a few of the more important aspects. All players working as a unit, made this team a stand-out all season long. One could easily guess, after seeing this group play, that it was very ably coached by "Tom" Rossiaky.

THE "B" SQUAD: These are the boys who will be making baskets on next year's "A" team. The Bobcat, after having seen these scrappers practice and play under the watchful eyes of Coaches Rossiaky and Schmidtke, is sure these boys will represent Lake Benton well in the future.

"B" Team Basketball

CHEERLEADERS: Whenever the "B" team was on the floor giving endless effort to win, these three girls were close by also. The smiles were there too.

The Bobcat will again this year see Lake Benton field a baseball team. They proudly boast new uniforms for the coming season. This team, as have other squads, is anticipating a most successful record. Since this squad has potential hitting and fielding power, all eyes will be focused on them.

Baseball

Here is another group of up-and-coming champions. This is the Jr. High Football Team. It, too, is also proud of a successful season having lost only to Minneota.

FIRST TWELVE

This group of young basketeers began practicing on the hardwood early in November. Having went through their schedule undefeated, they have hopeful visions of winning the Jr. High Tournament. The Bobcat commends Coach Schmidtke and his squad on their performance of the year.

Junior High Basketball

Committing the musical repertoire to memory entails hard work both in and out of choir practice. One of the concert highlights of the school year is the annual yuletide concert with the choir under the direction of Miss Umland. The theme this year was "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" with a special designed backdrop and lighting effects. The capacity crowd, which filled the auditorium eloquently, expressed the appreciation of the community. Other choir activities this season included performances at the L. C. E. A. teachers' meeting, fall festival, exchange concerts with various schools, KMHL radio broadcast, spring concert, contest held at Tracy, commencement activities, and the Memorial Day program. A choir tour to sing at St. Olaf college was also on the agenda. This year, to add to the beauty of concert presentation, black robes of classic styling were added.

Senior Choir

"O My Darling Clementine- - - - -And Her Shoes Were No. 9"

Jr High Chorus

The grade and junior high school choirs in their second year, are gradually learning the fundamentals of music on their level and the ability to follow musical directions. This will help in producing better music groups in the future. Both choirs sang several selections in the Christmas Cantata. The junior choir is under the direction of Miss Umland with the grade choir under the direction of Mrs. Mathews assisted by Mrs. Marti, Miss Engebretson, and Mrs. Weber.

Grade Chorus

Boys' Octette

More of the vocal music organizations which work consistently and persistently throughout the year are the Boys' Octet and the Girls' Triple Trio. Members of these groups are selected from the personnel of the High School Mixed Choir. Both groups add zest to the musical entertainment, singing for P.T.A. meetings, carnival crowning ceremony, L.C.E.A. teachers' meeting, KMHL radio broadcast, Christmas cantata--to name a portion of their performances. These vocal members, as well as other choir members, are to be found in considerable strength in other vocal music ensembles in the community as well as the school.

Girls' Triple Trio

The L.B.H.S. band has made many public appearances this year under its new director, Mr. Trembley. Hobo Day at Brookings, Tracy Boxcar Day, American Legion meeting at New Ulm are just a few of the numerous occasions. In addition to attending the District 9 Music Festival at Marshall, exchange concerts with Tyler and Hendricks are also on its activity program. The local community will well remember the band for the half-time performances given at the home-played football games last fall.

Band

Majorette

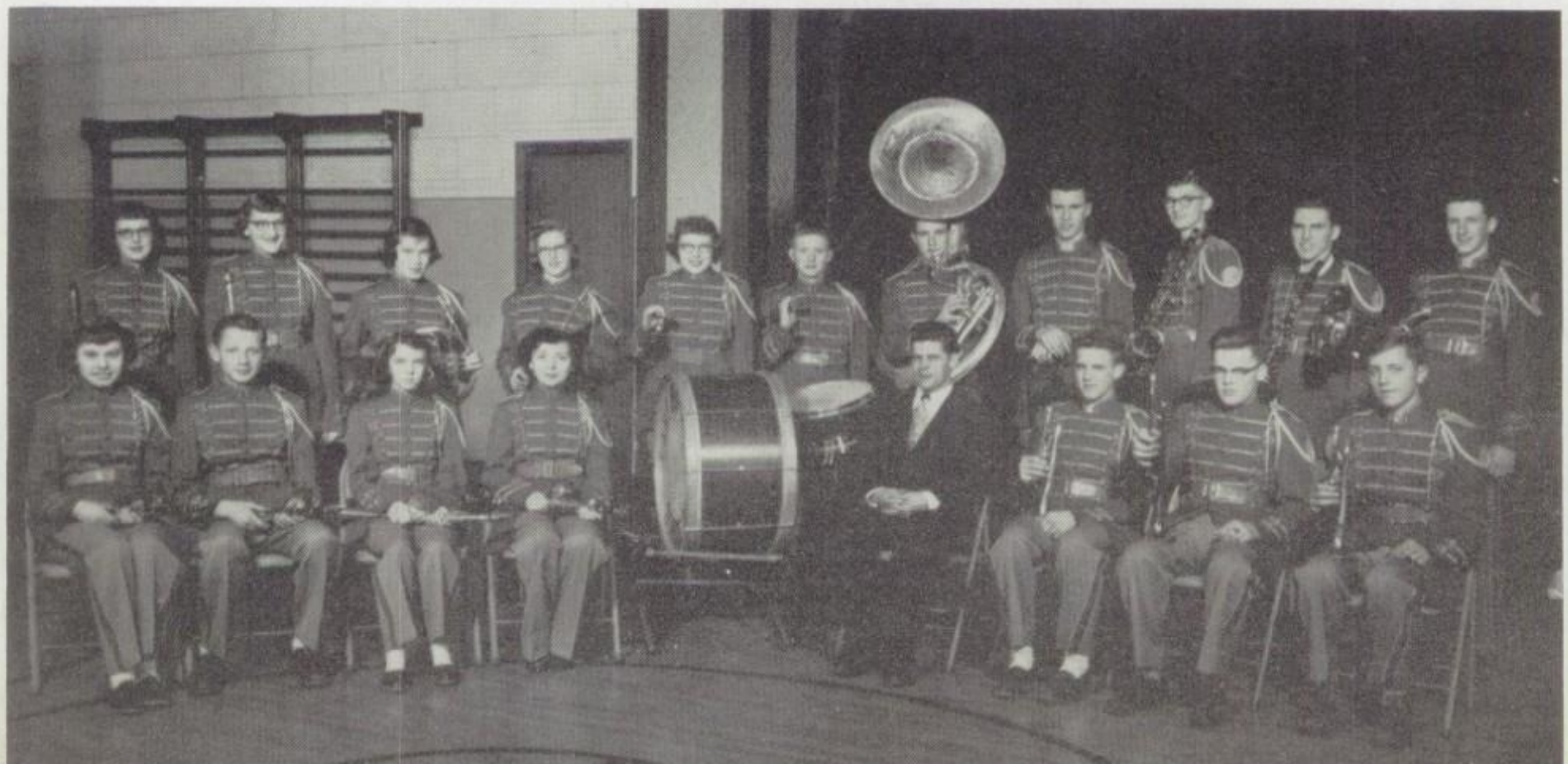
At all the band's marching appearances, this young lady was out in front. Our drum majorette really needs no introduction as she is surpassed by none. Her snappy stepping, agility, and grace, has made her very well known to all. The Bobcat lauds you, Gail, on a big job well done.

Beginners Band

By spring, some of the members of beginners band will have advanced to the first band. Actually beginners band boasts more members than are shown as a goodly number of students are in the first stages of lessons and are not pictured with the above group. Although these young musicians do not hold regular chairs in the first band, many of them are preparing to appear with it in the Spring Contest.

Pep Band furnishes the music for all pep meetings. In addition to just playing for half-time entertainment, they accompany the Baton Twirlers on their many appearances.

Pep Band



Newspaper

There are two separate staffs to bring you the "Voice of The Bobcat," our school paper; and, "The Bobcat, which is the school yearbook. The paper staff publishes six editions of the paper per year---three issues before Christmas vacation and three after. Though their work is not always reflecting a professional quality, the best efforts are given to bring you the latest events in assembly programs, sports, etc. When you see the group pictured above working over blue stencil sheets, you may be assured that another hot issue is about to come off the press.

Nobody knows better of the planning, preparation, and discouragement which goes into making the yearbook than the group below. Amid rubber cement, picture cropping, typing, etc., their first objective is to give a good yearbook to the students. Satisfaction in the finished product is their only reward.

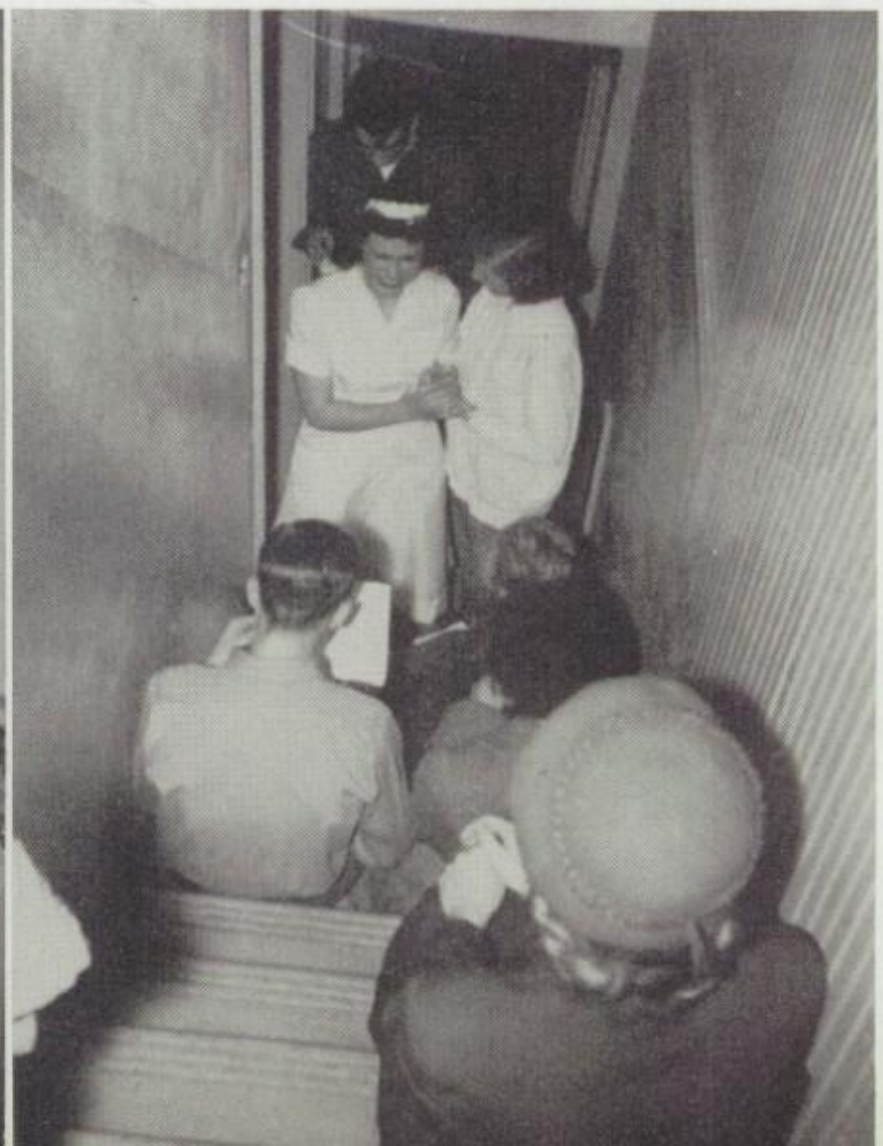
Annual Staff

Class Play

Along about mid-November came "play night" for the seniors. Excitement and tenseness gripped all the cast. Will and eagerness was strong. The curtain went up--emotions faded, and the play went on with clockwork precision and smoothness. "Ghost Wanted," was the title of the production.

"THE MONSTER"

"BACK STAGE"



Student Court

The disciplinary action of the student body is handled by the Student Court. It is the duty of the court to review specific infractions on rules made by students who have not adhered to the policies made by the administration. The members of the court are students who have been elected by popular vote of the student body. Mr. Edwall is Ex-Officio of this body.

The Student Council, consisting of 16 members and a faculty advisor, has sponsored many worth-while activities this year--Homecoming, Carnival and others. The Student Council gives the student body of our school a representative voice in the administration of the various activities. Any new policies in the school are well-discussed in the council before any action is taken. The Bobcat can well be proud of this group of young men and women for the part they are taking in school activities.

Student Council

Bus Drivers

Our school boasts four fine busses. All are used daily over a specific tour. The capable drivers are; R.P.Enke, Frank McQuoid, George Nelsen, Billy Nelsen, and Robert Kuhn.

School Patrol

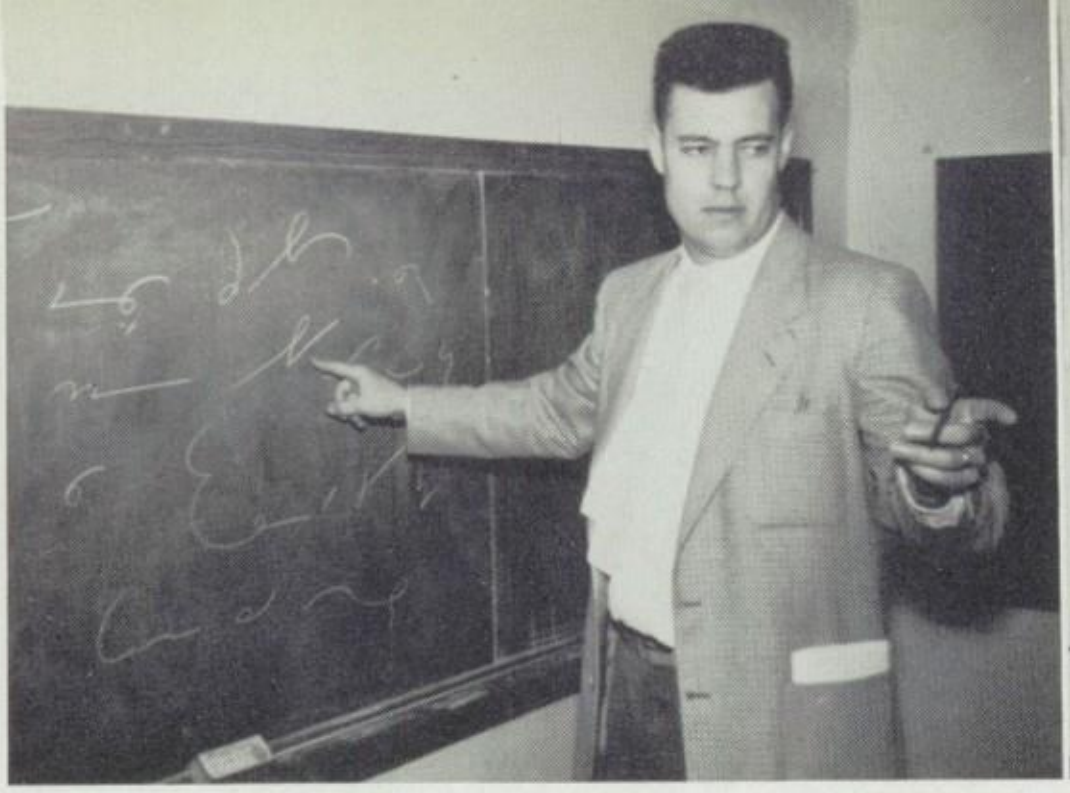
It is needless to say that our school patrol is a definate benefit to our school and the community. Everyday, rain, snow or shine, these up-and-coming young citizens will be seen safely ushering children across the highways.

Janitor

This is the man who gets after our dirty walls, halls, floors, etc. Mr. Kock has been with us for five years.

Cafeteria

The noon lunch line is a welcome sight for Mrs. Lahey and Mrs. Eberle. For them, it means the day's big "push" is about over. Their day starts at 7 a.m. The students are very glad they are a part of our day.

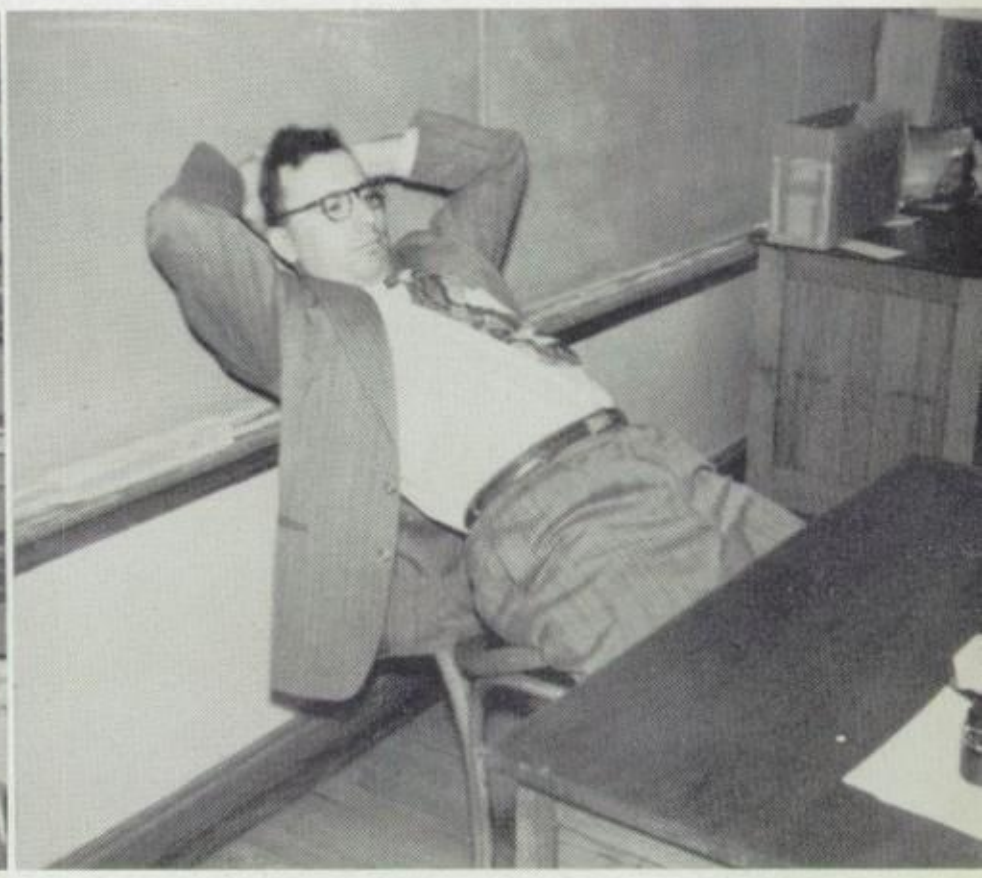


So far--so good.

Give an extra day.

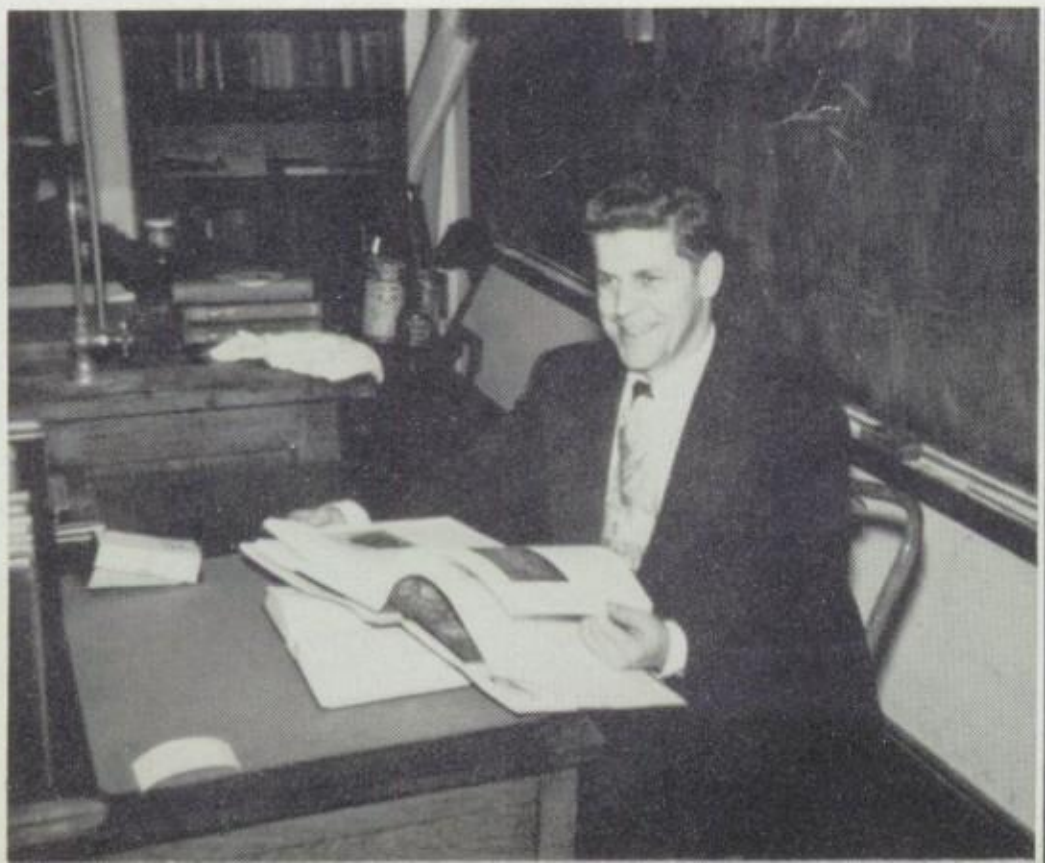
Watch those fingers!

It must be geography.



If I just had a pillow.

What a peach!



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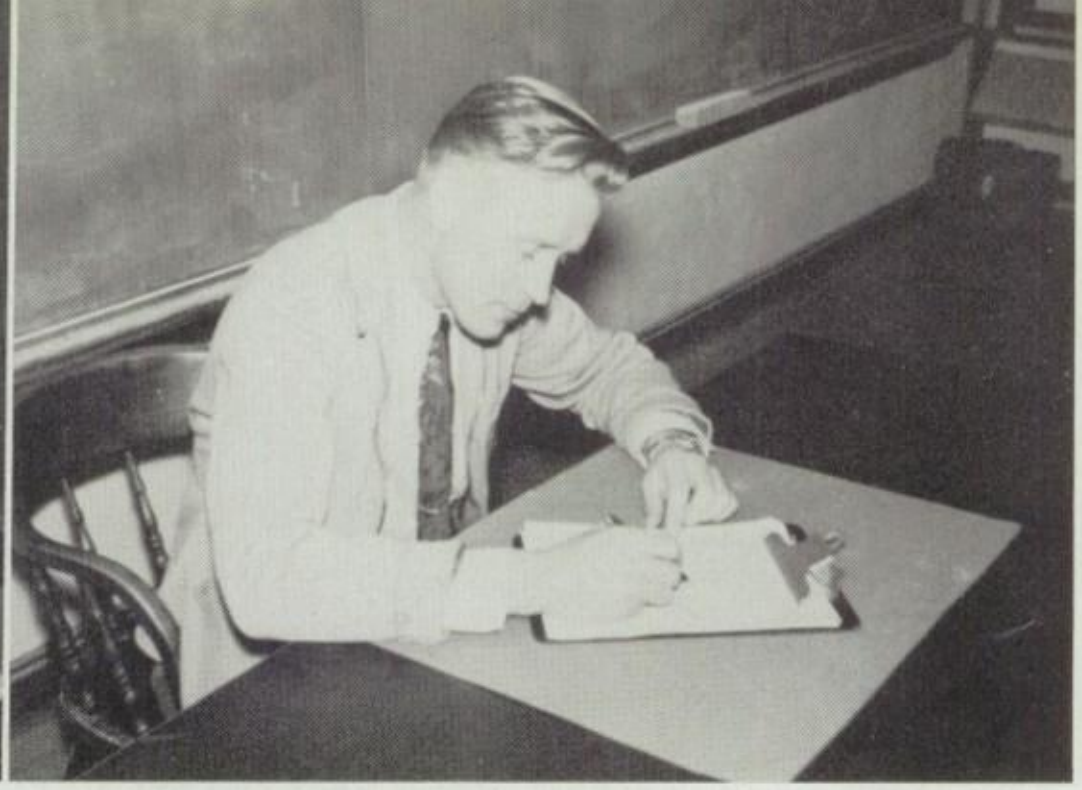

Oh those reports.

All smiles today.

How about that?

This for tomorrow.

Oh yes, here it is.

Girls' Gymnastics

Girls physical education is under the direction of Miss Koopman. Pictured here are some of the members from grades 9 and 10. Two of the foremost goals of this class are to develop character traits in the participants which will be acceptable in a democratic society, develop an understanding of the relationship of physical fitness to economic efficiency. Activities are tumbling, stunts, folk and square dancing, volleyball, and others. The class gives a public demonstration of its activities each spring.

Homecoming

Homecoming is a big event each year at Lake Benton. The crown-of a king and queen is an event second to none. Richard Lang and Barbara Schmidt were chosen as the royal couple this year.

Carnival

The fall carnival is a big attraction for everyone. The carnival, attracting a large crowd succeeded in carrying out its motto, "Robe the Choir." Alvin Carpenter and Verna Koster reigned over this fall's festivities.

ROBERT FOX

Robert is also one of our graduating seniors. Because this picture arrived after the lay-out was completed, it was impossible to place the photo with the class section.

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